

WANDERERS SNAP

Chesham Utd. 2,
Wycombe W. 4

STRUGGLING to score goals in their recent Berks and Bucks Senior Cup meetings with Bracknell Town, Wycombe Wanderers roared back with three in ten minutes against Chesham United at the Meadow on Tuesday evening.

The goalburst put them out of reach of a spirited Chesham revival in the second half which included two goals in two minutes and earned Wycombe three more points to their already insurmountable lead at the top of Section B in the Premier Midweek Floodlight League.

Tuesday's game was of far more interest to United, who have yet to record a victory in the competition. They were anxious to end their losing sequence and hence avoid seeking re-election.

With Wycombe's International trio — John Delaney, Derek Gamblin and Larry Pritchard — unavailable due to tonight's (Friday) match against Scotland, and with John Maskell still injured, the Blues were forced to call in Keith Blunt, who was a regular member of the championship winning side two years ago. Keith, coach with Oxford University, was given a tough return by nippy winger Stewart Atkins.

LOOKED BLACK

About the last thing Wanderers needed in this game was another injury and when full back Paul Birdseye was laid out after a challenge with Gregory, things looked black for Wycombe. However, after being carried off the field with concussion, it

was later revealed that Birdseye had suffered a severe nose bleed.

From the start, Wycombe seemed to be well in control and their accurate passing and intelligent running soon had the Chesham defence in trouble. The expected breakthrough came after 18 minutes, the scorer being Tony Amos, who missed a host of chances on Saturday.

Collecting Watt's weak clearance, Rob Williams layed the ball off for Amos who turned brilliantly and sent a first-time left foot drive right into the top corner of the net, leaving 'keeper Laurie Cole helpless.

Amos, in fact, looked Wycombe's most dangerous forward in the first half and his inswinging corners often gave Cole some anxious moments. It was the former Slough striker who made goal number two after 25 minutes.

Receiving possession inside the United box, he lofted over a cross to Brian Langfield whose header was parried by Cole. Brian made no mistake with the rebound. Two minutes later it was 3-0 after a classic set piece move.

Inside his own half, Dave Bullock sent a long free kick up to Amos who back-headed to Holi-

field who ran on and smashed the ball past the coverless Cole.

Chesham tried gamely to get back into the match but they wanted far too much time to execute their intricate attacks and Peter Spittle in the visitors' goal had little to deal with.

RECOVERY

United sub. Bernie Mapp replaced Phil Stonell, their latest signing from Marlow, for the second period and it was this change that engineered Chesham's recovery in the later stages. But for the first 20 minute, it seemed that Wycombe would

carry on where they left off in the first half.

Cole alone saved Chesham when he blocked Langfield's close range header and then turned Amos' powerful drive around the post. However in the 57th minute he was beaten for the fourth time.

Alan Gane, chasing a through ball, beat Steve Bates and lashed the ball high into the net from a narrow angle. Seconds later Bates made amends for his poor covering by clearing a Williams effort off the line.

Four down, Chesham began to relax and their football consequently improved. Spittle got down well to save Stonhill's drive and when Horsman came on for the injured Birdseye, the home side really got into their stride.

In the 80th minute they were rewarded for their pressure when Dave Summerling sent a perfect lob over the Blues defence to Atkins, who ran on and cracked the ball past the oncoming goalkeeper.

Two minutes later Mapp beat Amos, who had moved to full back, inside the area and his sheer determination took him past Bullock before flicking the ball home.

The sudden revival sparked new life in the home side who powered at every opportunity. Although it was a little too much to expect a change in the result, Peter Spittle had to save bravely from Ken Beaven before the close.

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Chesham: L. Cole, S. Bates, D. Summerling, D. Le Sage, M. Watt, B. Stonhill, S. Atkins, G. Taylor, K. Beaven, K. Gregory, P. Stonell (sub B. Mapp 45 mins).

Wycombe: P. Spittle, K. Blunt, I. Rundle, D. Bullock, P. Birdseye (sub A. Horsman 76 mins); R. Williams, A. Game, J. Hutchinson, M. Holfield, A. Amos, B. Langfield.

Referee: G. Keeble (Burnham).

Half-time: 0-3. **Goalscorers:** Wycombe — Amos (18), Langfield (25), Holfield (27), Gane (57). Chesham — Atkins (80), Mapp (82).

PREMIER MIDWEEK FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE Section B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe W.	9	8	0	1	32	6	19
Wokingham T.	10	4	3	3	10	14	12
Marlow	9	3	2	4	13	14	10
Banbury U.	9	3	2	4	13	21	9
Oxford C.	7	3	0	4	16	16	7
Chesham U.	8	0	3	5	7	20	3